

# FLOOD MENACES VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE ESTIMATES OF DEATH TOLL NOW REACH 30,000

## WOMEN URGE PRESIDENT TO PUT EMBARGO ON ALL WHEAT

National Housewives' League  
Asks for Any Action, How-  
ever Drastic, to Prevent  
Further Advance in Price.

Millers Blame Drain Caused by  
European War for Shortage  
Here, President of Organi-  
zation Claims.

A ban on the exportation of  
grain was advocated this after-  
noon by Congressman Farr of  
Pennsylvania. Farr said as soon  
as he obtained figures from the  
Department of Agriculture and  
is certain the surplus in this  
country is being exhausted, he  
will introduce a bill prohibiting  
the further shipment of grain to  
Europe until after the European  
war.

President Wilson was urged to take  
drastic measures at once to prevent  
further advance in the price of flour  
and consequent suffering among the  
poor, in a telegram from New York  
addressed to him this afternoon by  
Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National  
Housewives' League.

Mrs. Heath acted promptly when she  
learned from a canvass of retail stores  
that an advance from 85 cents to \$1 for  
a 35-pound sack of flour was made  
generally in New York today. Her  
telegram to the President reads:

Suggests Embargo if Needed.

"The National Housewives' League,  
representing 300,000 American families,  
with organizations in every State in  
the Union, appeals to you, in view of  
the situation regarding wheat and flour,  
to take drastic measures at once to  
protect your people; even, if necessary,  
to place an embargo on these products.

"We are facing a crisis which needs  
your serious consideration and action.  
Unless a way is devised to protect our  
people, suffering such as this country  
has rarely known, the situation will  
become unbearable."

"Our bumper crop will avail but little  
for the producer or consumer until  
Washington intervenes for their protection."  
(Signed) "JENNIE DEWEY HEATH."

## WHEAT PRICE STILL IS MAKING RECORDS

CHICAGO, May 15.—May wheat  
closed at \$1.43 3/4 per bushel in the pit  
today. This is one-half of a cent a  
bushel above the high price of yester-  
day, and establishes a new high record.  
There was a decline of 1/4 in the first  
fifteen minutes of trading. July opened  
at \$1.25, an increase of 1/4 over yester-  
day's close, but quickly dropped back to  
yesterday's closing figures.

At 2 p. m. May wheat registered  
\$1.45 1/2, with July at \$1.25. There was  
good commission buying, but selling by  
the Armour crowd made the market  
lumpy.

Within fifteen minutes after the \$1.45 1/2  
price was reached there was another  
jump to \$1.47 1/2 per bushel for May  
wheat.

By 1:30 p. m. the price on May wheat had  
gone to \$1.47 1/2 per bushel. There were  
more excited scenes in the pit, and the  
excitement increased with each frac-  
tional gain that wheat made, until bed-  
lam among the brokers made the floor  
look like the recreation room of a mad-  
house.

Wheat Rises at Liverpool.  
LIVERPOOL, Jan. 15.—Following  
further advance in America,  
wheat jumped 2 cents here today and  
four advanced 24 cents a sack.

## Only 5,000 Will Hear Billy Sunday Preach

Building Inspector Orders Number of Seats Reduced  
By 1,000, and Directs Police to Prevent Per-  
sons Standing—Commissioners  
Reject Plea to Overrule  
Decision.

The audience that will listen to Evangelist Billy Sunday next  
Monday afternoon in Convention Hall will number only 5,000.  
The seating capacity of the building has been reduced to that  
number by Building Inspector Morris Hacker.

An appeal to the Commissioners from the decision of Mr.  
Hacker was unavailing today, and the special Billy Sunday meet-  
ing committee and the building department officials of the District de-  
cided to work in conjunction in making the 5,000 people who will  
be admitted as free from danger of fire or other peril as possible.

### WILL PERMIT NONE TO STAND.

Inspector Hacker also stated that the  
police will be instructed to forbid any  
spectators standing in the rear of the  
hall or along the side walls.

The decrease of the seating capacity  
from 6,000 to 5,000 will cause a reduc-  
tion in the number of seats that will be  
admitted to Washington ministers. The  
original plan was to supply each min-  
ister with eight tickets.

Today workmen started to remodel  
Convention Hall for the meeting. The  
stage is being enlarged to provide room  
for the party of the evangelist, the  
chorus of 200, and the diplomatic and  
other special guests who will be present.  
The raised platform on which  
Sunday will speak and the pulpit are  
to be near duplicates of those used  
at the Philadelphia meeting as possible.

One Section Reserved.

Immediately in front of the stage,  
provision will be made for the Con-  
gressional section, reserved for mem-  
bers of both branches of Congress, min-  
isters, and the press. The balance of the seats  
will be arranged in the hall in accord-  
ance with the directions of Building In-  
spector Hacker. There will be four

## Supreme Court Appeal Is Denied to Newman

Unless the court itself grants permission, Oliver P. Newman,  
president of the Board of District Commissioners, will not be able  
to appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the decision of  
the District courts, ousting him from office.

This is the result of the action of the Court of Appeals today  
in overruling a motion by counsel for Mr. Newman for a writ of  
error which would permit a review of the ouster proceedings by the  
court of last resort.

### WANT WRIT OF CERTIORARI.

With a view to having the United  
States Supreme Court review the case  
counsel for the Commissioner will file a  
motion with that tribunal within a few  
days for a writ of certiorari.

This is the last possible legal step to  
resist the verdict of a jury in the Dis-  
trict Supreme Court removing Mr. New-  
man from office.

The Appellate Court today stayed the  
execution of the lower court. It is from  
this decision that Mr. Newman is  
seeking to appeal to the highest court  
in the land.

The Appellate Court today stayed the  
mandate, which would put the ouster  
verdict into effect, until February 1,  
in order that Mr. Newman's counsel might  
apply to the United States Supreme  
Court for the writ of certiorari.

Attorney Jackson H. Ralston, repre-  
senting Mr. Newman, said this after-

## Battleship Is Ordered to Philadelphia for Repairs

The battleship Kansas has been or-  
dered to Philadelphia for repairs fol-  
lowing damage she sustained Tuesday  
in a collision with the Virginia. Cap-  
tain of the Navy announced today.  
It will require from five to fif-  
teen days to make the repairs.

Capt. Henry T. Bryan, the Kansas  
commander, reported from Norfolk to-  
day that the waves breaking over the  
Kansas had torn away her fore and  
aft bridge gear and rails.

## Harry I. Coxen Sues For Limited Divorce

Desertion is charged by Harry I.  
Coxen in a suit for limited divorce filed  
in the District Supreme Court today  
against Mrs. Myrtle H. Coxen. The  
couple were married March 17, 1910,  
according to the petition. Coxen alleges  
that his wife deserted him June 1, 1912,  
and took their child with her. Hayden  
Johnson is attorney for the husband.

## FRENCH REGAIN POSITION LOST TO GERMANS NEAR SOISSONS

Heavy Artillery of Kaiser Is  
Pouring Withering Fire on  
Allied Positions From North  
Bank of River.

Allies Strike Counter-Blow on  
Yser and at Nieuport—Avi-  
ators Vainly Try to Stop  
Warships' Fire.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Re-enforcements of  
the French forces, it is announced by  
the war office this afternoon have re-  
captured after a stubborn fight, St.  
Paul, near Soissons, taken this morn-  
ing by the German advance.

At Cuffies and Croucy, on the north  
bank of the Aisne, German artillery is  
pouring a withering fire into the French  
lines.

North of Ambras, also heavy fighting  
continues, French snipers having taken  
a line of German positions following a  
series of bayonet charges of the most  
brilliant nature.

From the sea to the Yser positions, it is  
stated, the severe cannonading con-  
tinues with the French progressing  
slowly in the vicinity of Lombardsyde  
and Baccarae.

In the region of Targette, St. Laurent,  
Andechy and near Roye, the French  
artillery is declared to have succeeded  
in silencing the German guns and slight  
gains have been made.

## Success in the Vosges.

Near Craonne and Rheims, violent  
cannonading continues with the hon-  
ors resting with the French. Slight  
successes are also reported in the Vosges.

It is announced that the progress in  
the vicinity of St. Mihiel continues.  
Pontoon bridges which were thrown  
across the Meuse in this vicinity have  
been demolished by the French art-  
illery.

Fears are quietly expressed by mil-  
itary officials that the enemy is getting  
ready to attempt another drive on  
Paris, with an attack directed east of  
Soissons.

## Aviators Attack Fleet.

There the land batteries are aided  
by the monitors and torpedo boats  
operating from the sea. Already it is  
announced that the German fortified  
positions at Westende have been very  
badly damaged.

In an effort to check the fire the  
German aviators have vainly tried to  
drop bombs on the warships, but so  
far have failed to strike the mark.

The accompanying screen of destroy-  
ers is declared here to have success-  
fully defended the fleet.

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## TURKS FOLLOW UP VICTORIES IN PERSIA

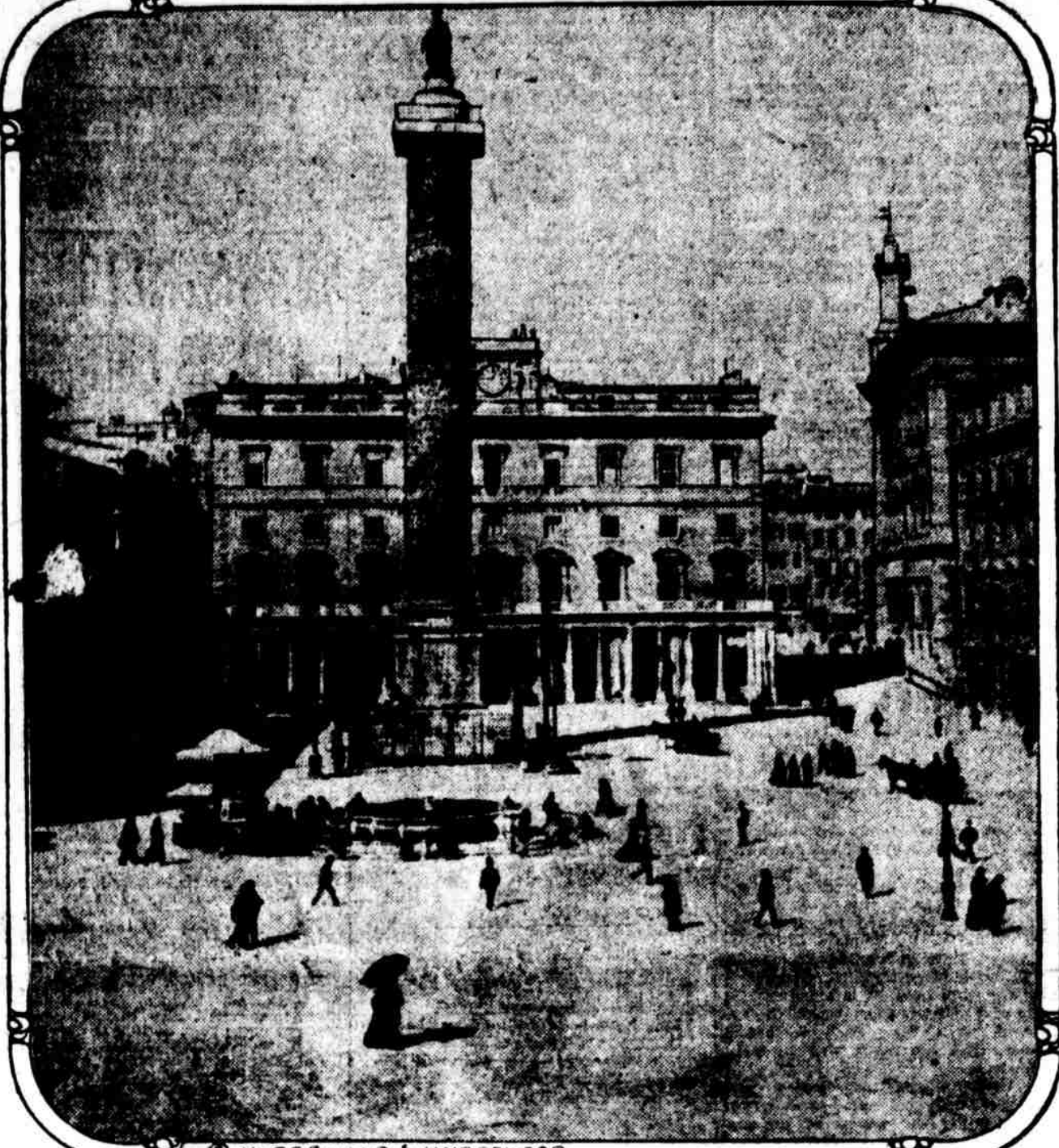
Two Armies Press on to Seize  
Highways and Railroads to  
Russian Frontier.

TEHRAN, Jan. 15.—The Turkish  
forces which occupied Tabriz are now  
pressing on toward Julfa, and will be  
supported by a further Turkish con-  
tingent, which is advancing through Urman  
Salmas.

The Turkish forces are advancing for  
the purpose of securing control of the  
highways and railroads that lead to the  
Russian frontier, and which are the  
only practicable roads through Persia.

Atlantic Coast Line, "The Standard  
Railroad of the South," Ltd. trains daily  
to Florida. 120 New York Ave. N. W.

## MONUMENT TWISTED BY EARTH SHOCK



The Piazza Colonna is one of the busiest squares in Rome. The Corso runs through it. At one of the cor-  
ners is the Palazzo Chigi begun in 1562, now occupied by the Austrian embassy to the Quirinal.  
The column of Marcus Aurelius is 100 Roman feet in height. In 1589 Pope Sixtus V had the column re-  
stored and crowned it with a statue of St. Paul. In the background can be seen the New York Life In-  
surance Company building.

## NEPHEW OF KAISER WEDS CAPITAL GIRL

Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers  
Married to Prince Christian  
of Hesse, German Officer.

BERLIN (via The Hague), Jan. 15.—  
Prince Christian of Hesse, nephew of  
the German Emperor and captain in the  
German navy, who was married at  
noon yesterday to Miss Elizabeth Reid  
Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rich-  
ard Reid Rogers, of Washington, left  
here today for a brief honeymoon trip,  
after which he will join his ship at the  
German naval rendezvous.

The wedding, which took place in Trin-  
ity Church here, was attended only by  
the intimate friends of the couple. The  
wedding is considered a morganatic  
union by the German court, but the  
bride will be given the title of Batones-  
Bartheld.

## Makes Payments Upon Another Plaza Plot

Payments to plaza property owners in  
square 721, bounded by California, E.  
and Second streets and the Plaza, were  
begun today following the approval by  
the President late yesterday of the  
Plaza Commission awards.

Practically all of the owners in this  
square have accepted the awards, al-  
though many of them were lower than  
at first announced.

### IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.  
Met at noon.  
Senate prohibition forces still at  
work on plan to make the District  
dry.  
Siders' confirmation expected in  
near future.  
Senator Lodge spoke on the national  
defense.  
Hearing by Agriculture Committee on  
Moss grain grading bill.  
Senator Sterling introduced bill for  
investigation into fiscal relations of  
District and Government.  
HOUSE.  
Met at noon.  
Adopted conference report on immigra-  
tion bill.  
Resumed debate on river and harbor  
bill.  
Interstate Commerce Committee held  
hearing on bill to divorce railroads  
from manufacturing establishments.

## SEEK NEW PLAN TO VOTE DISTRICT "DRY"

Line-Up in Senate on Sheppard  
Motion Will Guide Prohi-  
bition Leaders.

SENATE "dry" forces today are still  
casting about in some weak spot in the  
lines of the "wets" in the hope of driv-  
ing home their campaign to prohibit  
liquor in the District.

Senator Smith of Maryland, called on  
the District bill once more shortly be-  
fore 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It is the purpose of Senator Smith to  
dispose of the bill today if possible.  
This may be done in case the prohibi-  
tion question and the consideration of  
the question of taxing money and  
credits do not result in too extended  
debate.

As soon as the bill was taken up Sen-  
ator Gallinger read into the Record  
before the Senate the controversy over  
the Eastern High School site.

This afternoon the Senate will prob-  
ably decide on the suspension of the  
suspend the rules in order to break  
ground for the prohibition amendment  
to the District bill. This motion requires  
a two-thirds vote. That vote cannot be  
had, Senator Sheppard said he did  
not expect it. Nevertheless, the result  
of it will tend to guide the generals of  
the Senate dry forces.

If the vote looks favorable, that is,  
if about half the Senate is for the  
"dry" course, then the struggle for  
prohibition in the District will be  
pressed.

A plan much talked of this after-  
noon was, if the vote on suspension of  
rules looked strong for prohibition, to  
move to discharge the District "Com-  
missioners" made a point of order  
against the bill. This would not be  
advisable, it was pointed out, as the  
bill would not be in order.

Another plan is to attach a prohibi-  
tion amendment to some bill other than  
the District bill. The ship purchase  
bill may be chosen for this purpose.

In any event, according to Senator  
Sheppard and other Senators who sup-  
port prohibition, the fight is to be kept  
near future.

A petition from the District W. C. T.  
U. in favor of District prohibition was  
read before the Senate by Senator Shep-  
pard. Senator Martin put in protests  
against it, and said he had received  
information that some of the members  
of the District Board of Commissioners  
were in favor of the petition.

Although the effort was made last  
night in connection with the District  
bill to get adopted the amendment of  
course, it failed because Senator  
Vardaman made a point of order  
against it. He also made a point of  
order against the more amendment.  
Senator Sterling today introduced a  
bill providing for a survey of the re-  
lations between the District and Fed-  
eral power. It is the same as the Gal-  
linger amendment.

## SEEK CANDIDATES FOR MIDSHIPMEN

District Commissioners An-  
nounce Competitive Exami-  
nations for February 16.

To select two candidates for appoint-  
ment from the District to the United  
States Naval Academy, there will be a  
competitive examination on February  
16 and 17, according to announcement  
of the Commissioners, who recommended  
appointments to the President.

Applications will be received not later  
than 2 p. m. February 2 and must be  
made in the applicants own handwriting  
to the Commissioners, Room 206, Dis-  
trict Building. Applicants must be  
regular residents of the District be-  
tween the ages of sixteen and twenty  
on April 20, 1915.

The mental examination will be in  
the assembly room of the Franklin  
School building Tuesday and Wednes-  
day, February 16 and 17, on the fol-  
lowing subjects: Reading, writing and  
spelling in English; punctuation and  
capitalization; English grammar; geography;  
United States history; high school  
arithmetic, algebra, through quadratics  
and plane geometry; either five books  
of Chauvenet's geometry or their  
equivalent.

The physical examination will be in  
the Police Department truck house, No. 3,  
Fourteenth street and Ohio avenue  
northwest, on February 6, at 10 a. m.  
The applications must state the place  
and date of birth, postal address, and  
must be accompanied by a certifi-  
cate from two reputable residents of  
the District as to character, and resi-  
dence.

The two vacancies will occur after  
the graduation of George Chaffee  
Hillman and Elmer R. Henning.

## Cabinet Will Meet On Friday Evenings

President Wilson will smash another  
White House precedent tonight. He  
will begin the holding of informal Cab-  
inet meetings on Friday night instead  
of Friday morning. The regular Tues-  
day morning meeting will, of course,  
be continued. Members of the Cabinet  
are to assemble every Friday evening  
in the library of the White House,  
where they will smoke White House  
cigars and discuss matters of state in  
a most "chatty" sort of way.

The night meetings are expected to  
last longer than those held in the  
morning for the reason that the mem-  
bers will have finished dinner and will  
have plenty of time at their disposal.

## MINOR SHOCKS ADD TO TERROR AND PANIC IN QUAKE ZONE

Water Supply of Many Towns  
Cut Off—Troops Sent by  
Officials to Help Work of  
Relief.

Injured Not Likely to Add to  
Total of Dead—Greatest  
Loss of Life at Avezzano.  
Reports to Premier Say.

ROME, Jan. 15.—All reports  
reaching Rome this afternoon  
from the scene of the earth-  
quake add to, rather than take  
away, from the magnitude of the  
disaster.

Hundreds of refugees are be-  
ing cared for in Naples and of-  
ficials in the stricken district  
telegram that additional sup-  
plies are urgently needed.

In Rome, already there are 5,000  
injured being cared for in the  
hospitals, and each train that  
arrives is crowded with addi-  
tional patients.

The King met with the cabi-  
net again today and additional  
appropriations were made for  
the relief work.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Food is menaced  
the victims of the earthquake in the  
valley below Avezzano, while every  
hour swells the estimated death list in  
the shaken zone to figures approaching  
30,000.

The total of victims, killed and in-  
jured, may reach 75,000 or 100,000.

Terror is added to the situation by  
rumors from Naples that volcanic ac-  
tivity is increasing, despite the assur-  
ance of scientists that no volcanic condi-  
tions are present. Official and unofficial reports  
Premier Salandra, in charge of the re-  
lief work, show that towns heretofore  
believed immune have suffered.

The government has sent greatly en-  
titled troops to the quake zone today.  
At the scene of the disaster, wired  
Premier Salandra today, that every  
city, town and village in the Lira val-  
ley has been damaged with many of  
the inhabitants dead and wounded.

Because many of the victims are chil-  
dren, the government has ordered that  
additional troops were sent to the quake  
zone today.

Hundreds of wounded victims are  
streaming into Rome and all public  
buildings have been ordered opened  
and turned into temporary hospitals to  
relieve the pressure on the regular hos-  
pitals already crowded to the limit.

One thousand have been reported en-  
tombed about conditions at Magliano  
di Marsi, where refugees reported that  
1,300 persons had been killed. Campelli  
where 800 were reported entombed, and  
Albafuense, which has been totally  
ruined, but up to the present no reports  
have reached here from the surround-  
ing officer of the troops sent to the  
relief.

## Casualties May Reach 75,000.

The total of victims, killed and in-  
jured, is expected to reach 75,000. It  
is understood, however, that the great  
majority of those reported injured are  
slightly or slightly hurt, so that the  
death list will not be greatly added to  
from this source.

The chief death list is of course at  
Avezzano, which, official statistics  
say, "no longer exists." The death list  
there totals 10,473 persons.

Today word is received that there  
are 1,200 dead in Capelle, 500 in San  
Benedetto, 400 at Pescina. In addition,  
more than 1,000 have been reported  
killed from towns and villages scattered  
throughout the entire earthquake  
zone.

Fears are expressed that the death  
lists will also be reported in the stricken  
area, which has 2,400 inhabitants, and  
Giacomara, which has 3,500, both of  
which towns are reported to have been  
practically annihilated.

## Shocks Continue.

The minor shocks which still continue  
have added to the terror and thou-  
sands of the residents of the poorer  
quarters of Rome have refused to re-  
turn to their homes, but remain quar-  
tered in the open squares of the city.  
The water supply of practically every  
city and town in the earthquake zone  
has been cut off. Fortunately at only  
a few points did the quake occur in the  
ruins. If this rains had caused the  
death list would have been very  
greatly increased as at many points  
victims were entombed for more than  
a week.